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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. New claims and claim amendments are presented herein to obviate the current rejection. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6-23, and 25-34 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Freund. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-16 have been canceled. New claims 35 and 42 are presented herein with dependent claims having similar scope to claims depending on previous claims 1 and 9.

Claim 35 recites establishing a secure virtual private network connection between a server and a remote system, delivering security policies from the server to the remote system during initialization of the secure private network connection, and regulating access to nodes accessible via the server by the remote system based on the security policies and a priority associated with at least one application program running on the remote system (for support, see, inter alia, specification p. 2, lines 26-30; p. 3, lines 27-29; p. 4, lines 16-20). Claim 42 contains similar features.

Claim 17 was amended to recite "deliver a set of policies to the second device during initialization of a virtual private

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network between the first and second devices; and the second device is adapted to: run an application; use both said policies and a priority assigned to the application to detect data packets from unauthorized activities..."

Claim 21 was amended to recite: "receive policies in the policy engine from the policy server during a virtual private network session; use the socket interceptor to detect and reject data packets from unauthorized users and applications and provide the packet guard with context information about the unauthorized users and applications including at least information a priority of the application..."

Claim 30 was amended to recite: "transmitting information indicative of security parameters from the primary computing system to the remote computing system using the security policy engine during initialization of the VPN; configuring the network stack based on the information indicative of security parameters; subsequently running a particular application program on the remote computing system; selecting information indicative of updated security parameters based on a priority of the particular application program..."

Freund fails to describe or otherwise suggest delivering security policies from a server to a remote server during initialization of a VPN. With the arrangement recited in the claims, policies are delivered to the remote system in a trusted

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manner without being compromised by mid-stream elements and host-based software. Additionally, the policies are delivered just prior to establishment of a secure connection, making such delivery dynamic in nature.

Freund describes that communications between a client-based filter on a centralized supervisor, all on a single LAN, and a supervisor application and a firewall associated with the LAN may be encrypted (see, inter alia, Freund col. 5, lines 6-20). However, the skilled artisan simply would not have modified this arrangement to result in the subject matter as claimed.

In addition, Freund also fails to disclose or otherwise suggest regulating access based on a priority associated with the application. Rather, Freund describes defining URLs that a user can access (see, inter alia, Freund abstract). There is no priority determination used in limiting access to such URLs. Moreover, Freund fails to disclose regulating access to a node associated with a server (but rather describes preventing a user from accessing a particular URL).

Accordingly, the claims should be allowable.

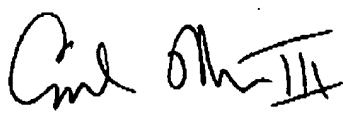
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be

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exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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